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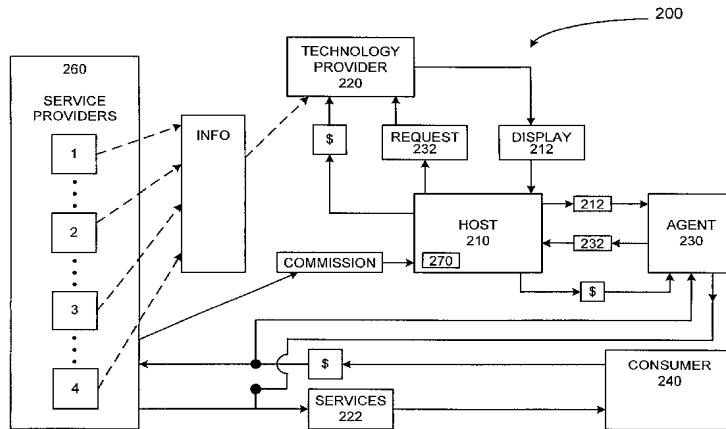
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(57) Abstract: A system for facilitating transactions among consumers and providers of travel related services (fig.2) includes a technology provider (220) and a host (210) in communication with an agent (230) and a provider of travel-related services (260). The technology provider (220) is configured for operating independently from any provider of travel-related services (260). The host is configured for receiving a request (232) from the agent, retrieving one or more displays from the technology provider, presenting the displays to the agent, and facilitating a transaction among the consumer (240) and the provider of travel-related services. A display comprises an information content such as available inventory from a predefined carrier within a predefined time period. The display may be configured for excluding content, for example, in accordance with a predefined editing criteria. The format may be configured for presenting information in accordance with one or more predefined ranking criteria, which may be a discriminatory criteria, such as an identity of a carrier.

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